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In re application of: Carlo Effenhauser et al.

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For: SYSTEM FOR WITHDRAWING SMALL AMOUNTS OF BODY FLUID

Mail Stop Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendment(s). A Petition for Extension of Time for 3 months is submitted herewith.

Amendment to Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

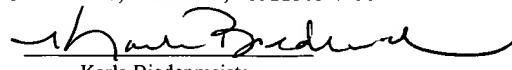
Amendment to Claims begin on Page 3 of this paper;

Remarks begin on Page 5 of this paper; and

Conclusion begins on Page 8 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited on December 10, 2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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